

CHAPTER 54 FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION

661—54.1(78GA, HF2492) Firefighter certification program. There is established within the fire service training bureau of the fire marshal division a firefighter certification program for the state of Iowa, which shall be known as the Iowa fire service certification system. The Iowa fire service certification system is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress to certify fire service personnel to accepted national standards. All certifications issued by the Iowa fire service certification system shall be based upon nationally accepted standards.

Inquiries and requests regarding the Iowa fire service certification system should be directed to Iowa Fire Service Certification System, Fire Service Training Bureau, 3100 Fire Service Road, Ames, Iowa 50010-3100. The bureau can be contacted by telephone at (888)469-2374 (toll free) or at (515)294-6817, by fax at (800)722-7350 (toll free) or (515)294-2156, or by electronic mail at fstbinfo@dps.state.ia.us.

54.1(1) Eligibility. Any person seeking certification through the Iowa fire service certification system shall be a current member of a fire, emergency, or rescue organization within the state of Iowa and shall be at least 18 years of age.

EXCEPTION: Persons not meeting the requirement of membership in a fire, emergency, or rescue organization may be granted exceptions to this requirement on an individual basis. Individuals seeking such exceptions shall address these requests to the fire service training bureau.

54.1(2) Application. Application forms for each level of firefighter certification may be obtained from the fire service training bureau, or on the bureau's Web site at <http://www.state.ia.us/government/dps/fm/fstb>. In order to enter the certification program, an applicant shall submit a completed application, accompanied by the required fee, to the fire service training bureau. The fee must accompany the application form, although a purchase order from a public agency or private organization may be accepted in lieu of prior payment. The application and fee shall be submitted no less than two weeks prior to the date of any examination in which the applicant wishes to participate.

661—54.2(78GA, HF2492) Certification standards. Standards for Iowa firefighter certification are based upon nationally recognized standards established by the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, P.O. Box 9101, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101. Certification at each level in the Iowa fire service certification system results in national certification as well.

54.2(1) Firefighter I. Certification as firefighter I is based upon the requirements for firefighter I certification established in NFPA 1001, "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications," 1997 edition, chapter 3, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

EXCEPTION: Any person applying for certification as a firefighter I who applied to the Fire Service Institute, Iowa State University Extension, by May 15, 2000, and completes certification requirements by July 15, 2000, shall be required to meet the requirements for firefighter I certification established in NFPA 1001, "Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications," 1992 edition, chapter 3, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

54.2(2) Firefighter II. Certification as firefighter II is based upon the requirements for firefighter II certification established in NFPA 1001, "Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications," 1997 edition, chapter 4, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

EXCEPTION: Any person applying for certification as a firefighter II who applied to the Fire Service Institute, Iowa State University Extension, by May 15, 2000, and completes certification requirements by July 15, 2000, shall be required to meet the requirements for firefighter II certification established in NFPA 1001, "Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications," 1992 edition, chapter 4, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

54.2(3) *Driver operator (pumper).* Certification as a driver operator (pumper) is based upon the requirements for fire department vehicle driver/operator certification established in NFPA 1002, “Standard for Fire Vehicle Driver/Operator Professional Qualifications,” 1993 edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

54.2(4) *Fire officer.* Certification as a fire officer is based upon the requirements for fire officer certification established in NFPA 1021, “Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications,” 1997 edition, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

54.2(5) *Fire service instructor I.* Certification as a fire service instructor I is based upon the requirements for certification as a fire service instructor I established in NFPA 1041, “Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications,” 1996 edition, chapter 2, published by the National Fire Protection Association.

661—54.3(78GA,HF2492) Fees. The following fees are established for certification at each level. Fees are due at the time of application.

Firefighter I	\$ 50
Firefighter II	\$ 50
Driver/Operator (Pumper)	\$ 65
Fire Officer	\$ 75
Fire Service Instructor I	\$ 35

Fees may be paid by personal check made payable to “Iowa Department of Public Safety – Fire Service Training Bureau,” credit card, purchase order from a public agency or private organization, check or draft from a public agency or private organization, money order, or cash.

661—54.4(78GA,HF2492) Certification, denial, and revocation of certification.

54.4(1) *Certification.* Upon completion of the requirements for certification, the applicant’s name shall be entered into the Iowa certification database maintained by the fire service training bureau for the respective level of certification and into the National Certification Data Base maintained by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress. Individuals who successfully complete the certification requirements shall also receive an individualized certificate awarding national certification from the fire service training bureau, which will bear a numbered seal from the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress, and additional insignia from the fire service training bureau.

54.4(2) *Denial of certification.* Certification shall be denied to any applicant who fails to meet all of the requirements for the type of certification, who knowingly submits false information to the fire service training bureau, or who engages in fraudulent activity during the certification process.

54.4(3) *Revocation.* The fire marshal may revoke the certification of any individual who is found to have knowingly provided false information to the fire service training bureau during the certification process or to have engaged in fraudulent activity during the certification process.

54.4(4) *Appeals.* Any person who is denied certification or whose certification is revoked may appeal the denial or revocation. Appeals of denials or revocations of certification shall be made to the commissioner of public safety within 30 days of the issuance of the denial or revocation using the contested case procedures specified in 661—Chapter 10.

These rules are intended to implement 2000 Iowa Acts, House File 2492.
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